

I live and commute in metro D.C., which means traffic updates are an essential part of life. Because I spend so much time in the car and wanted more variety and fewer commercials than radio broadcasters offer, I recently subscribed to XM Radio. I'm delighted with their service. Now I don't know how I got by without it.

I'm particularly delighted with the "instant" traffic and weather reports XM provides continuously for the D.C. area. Local news broadcasters only offer rush-hour traffic reports every ten minutes, so I often had to commit to a route before I learned whether or not it was snarled. That doesn't happen any more, and it's a huge convenience. So is switching over to a dedicated satellite station for a quick weather report, then back to the programming I want to hear.

I still listen to broadcast radio when I want to. But I'm glad not to have to any more. Please don't let broadcasters pressure you into dis-serving the public by handicapping satellite radio.